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Dear LCS School Community,

This letter is notification that LCS will begin mandatory water testing in our schools in December, 2017 at Lylburn Downing Middle School and the Community Center.

Senate Bill 1359 was enacted by the Virginia General Assembly, and Section 22.1-135.1 of this Bill states that:

Each local school board shall develop and implement a plan to test and, if necessary, remediate potable water from sources identified by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as high priority for testing, including bubbler-style and cooler-style drinking fountains, cafeteria or kitchen taps, classroom combination sinks and drinking fountains, and sinks known to be or visible used for consumption. The local school board shall give priority in the testing plan in schools whose school building was constructed, in whole or in part, before 1986.

The purpose of this legislation is to require school divisions to conduct lead testing of potable water to ensure that schools have a safe, clean water supply for consumption by students and staff.

Samples will be collected at Lylburn Downing Middle School and the Community Center in December, 2017, and will be analyzed by a laboratory that is certified by the Department of General Services' Division of Consolidated Laboratory Services. Testing at Waddell Elementary School is scheduled to be conducted in the fall of 2018.

Information received after the inspection will be communicated to the LCS School Board and the LCS School Community.

Respectfully,

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Superintendent